

October 11, 2007

Dear Partners in Prevention,

Please join us, along with U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, at the home of Ron and Heather Boji on Friday, November 2 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Michigan Children's Trust Fund, and to help raise important funds for the continuation of its critical mission to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Thanks to Senator Stabenow's vision and leadership as the sponsor of Public Act 250 of 1982, landmark legislation for children was adopted to make Michigan the nation's first state to establish a dedicated program and source of revenue to fight child abuse and neglect. CTF is the only organization in Michigan devoted to these prevention services. Then-Governor William Milliken signed the bill into law.

Today Michigan boasts community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs in all of the state's 83 counties, and it is estimated that over eight million Michigan children have been spared the fate of abuse and neglect through the efforts of these CTF sponsored programs. Importantly, **all** of CTF's funding sources come from the generosity of people like <u>you</u>. That is what makes this celebration on November 2 doubly important.

Senator Stabenow recognized the importance of abuse and neglect prevention programs back in 1982, and she recognizes them today. Not only is she a generous contributor to the CTF Trust Fund, she is now taking time to help us celebrate the CTF's 25th anniversary through an event to raise more funds vital to its continued success.

Please take advantage of this celebratory occasion to show your support for Michigan's abuse and neglect prevention programs. Detailed information about the event and ticket/sponsorship opportunities is attached. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the event or the important work of the CTF.

We will hope to see you Friday evening, November 2 at the Boji's.

Sincerely,

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